

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA)

Board Meeting Minutes – Taken by Kara Mumma

August 5, 2019 7pm-9pm

Board In Attendance: Tamara DeRidder, Kara Mumma, Kelly Davis, Jennifer Santhouse, Neil Chodorow, Meg Griffith, Jay Griffith, Don Levine, Terry Parker, Joe Saraceno, Richard Crockett and Lynn Della

Guests: Adam Gustafson, Jacob Bickle, Carl Wold, Bob Lounibus, Betty Hawkins, Rita Martinez, Todd Kennedy, Lori Carr, Sharron Fuchs, Laurel Anderson, Mat Millenbach

I. Land Use Topic

a. There's an expectation that the PBOT Representatives will attend the September Land Use and Transportation meeting to update the group on their design process and status on the 61st Snake Hill bike lane changes. It's estimated to have a 1 year design process.

b. Meeting will take place on September 19th at 7PM

c. August Land Use and Transportation meeting will still be taking place

Conversation: Support of the continuation of the neighborhood association. Read up on the notes on the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association website.

OLD BUSINESS/STANDING ITEMS

1. Motion to table any issues that don't need a response tonight to focus on the Code change.

All approved.

Review and Approve Minutes from July 5, 2019

a. More was added to Terry's statement on the Civic Life NA Code Amendments 3.96 to complete his statement. There were minor spelling corrections and sentence restructure for the previous minutes. Motion to approve as amended.

Approved.

2. Treasurer Report - Richard

a. Concerts - Paid for posters, talent, sanitation Walker Awards.

\$1,300 less than where we started from the beginning of the month.

b. \$1,263.83 total profit to share Hollywood NA derived from all shared events

Discussion on how the funds should be shared with Hollywood NA. The budget committee will meet to sort out the division of costs/earnings and will report back to the board.

Motion to have the budget committee meet and deliver the results by September 3rd.

Motion Approved.

3. Select 2 CNN Board Representatives

a. Neil offered to temporarily step in for the CNN meetings until we have a replacement.

b. Jay Griffith self nominated himself as the primary representative for CNN -

Motion to approve Jay.

Approved.

Joe Saraceno self nominated himself as the second representative -

Motion to approve Joe.

Approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase banner ad space on GAS fence at Oktoberfest and placing their Oktoberfest poster on RCPNA web and FB sites Did we decide to do this?-Ed No action

a. The cost of the banner advertisement is \$150

Motion made to advertise at the Oktoberfest event with the Rose City Park Banner

Approved.

2. Develop Code Amendment 3.96 Position - Tamara

a. The new language would take out the current requirements of the recognized associations and would dismantle the neighborhood association.

b. The work session is no longer happening in September. The deadline to act appears to be in October.

c. Terry: Amanda and Nick are against the changes, one more vote is needed.

Tamara's letter: We oppose the changes.

Discussion:

Neil: Two elements need to be addressed: Process and substance of the proposal as it now stands. Disenfranchise a group of citizens in order to franchise another group. With the code changing they are saying it's not their intent to discontinue the neighbor-

hood associations, but it's believed to be the intent down the road, though it's being denied.

Ed: Neighborhood Associations a small percentage within the other communities, however the association is encompassing of everyone. The draft of the revised Code is really a mission statement And not representative of a Code document.

Joe: The document is vague and feels divisive and hostile. It's so broad and undefined that gives the perception that the goal is to dismantle. Who are the groups and how will funding be distributed?

Terry: Stated that they are not following the auditors report, which highlighted to strengthen and expand Neighborhood

Associations.

Don: Suggests to add into the code "other qualifying civic organizations" as long as they can follow the same criteria.

Neil: It should be laid out to be inclusive and add to the code as it sits. Put out resources and basic standards for everyone to meet.

Lynn: How many other groups are we proposing we bring in? None that will include everyone as a unit. Bring in only groups by definition are only exclusive.

Meg: It's okay to have a slightly different standard for an affinity group

Lynn: Other groups don't feel that they are being represented through the Neighborhood association. What effort has come forward?

Meg: Transient residents could be a cause of feeling unrepresented

Lynn: Renters should be addressed. It's an issue.

Ed: We are a "hot-button" resource. As soon as the issue that directly effects them ends, they are no longer involved. You can reach out all you want, but they won't come unless there is something that effects them directly.

Don: The perception is that NA represent homeowners, so it may be that renters don't feel represented. There's no problem with having a renters civic association as long as the current Neighborhood Associations are maintained with the same rights and inclusivity. The issues are going to vary between homeowners and renters.

Lynn: Why shouldn't the neighborhood include the renters now?

Tamara: We have the opportunity to adjust our bylaws to have renters on the board and we could do outreach for that.

Terry: Homeownership is 53% of the population in Portland. Agreed to be more inclusive as an association.

People want the lifestyle that the neighborhood has ,though the infill is changing the neighborhood and it's no longer why they came in the first place.

Jennifer: There is room for affinity groups. What are they? Who are the groups? They should be held to the same standards. If you're registered to the city then they should have the same rights as the Neighborhood Association. No reason for not including them, just make them have the same standards.

Hot button issues on this document - how do we best contribute to address city council?

Referenced Tamaras Letter (Uploaded online)

Neil: Agree with the first two paragraphs of the letter. There are groups that don't feel represented or comfortable with this model. We should do more outreach in a planned and constructive way.

The depiction of us as if we are homogeneous. We are not the people we are being depicted as. We all have different backgrounds and represent a diverse group of individuals.

Ed: The letter will be added to Google Docs and initial and write in what you'd like on the document. Take the time to review. Then come back to have a comprehensive document that represents all of our thoughts.

Strategy that may be effective: All civic organizations have value, however instead of taking out they should be included with the same support and rules.

The city doesn't listen much now. Put more power back to the coalitions with the sub-groups. Under the coalitions, will the other groups have any power? Then the sub-groups can also have power with the city. Give the coalition a stronger voice to represent all of the groups.

Motion to add comments to the letter by August 23rd

Approved.

Events Committee Report

National Night Out Event:

Volunteers all set for picking up the Mod Pizzas, water, gas for the generator and raffle items.

Kara to bring coolers and a bowl for the raffle

Add names onto the volunteer log through Google Docs.

Safety Committee Report - Don Levine

- a. Update: Learned that Ellington Apartments no longer has an onsite manager. The layout makes the ability to monitor difficult and there is no surveillance.
- b. Deferred maintenance may be a higher priority at this time.
- c. Action: Need to figure out where the issues are coming from. Surveillance would be a benefit to identify the cause.

Land Use and Transportation Committee Report - Kelly Davis

RIP - The draft proposal may be out;

Better Housing By Design - delayed;

Sandy / 51: no update;

Umpqua - Started demolition

Thompson 6- waiting for them to obtain their permit and the changes they need to make to get that permit. You can weigh in by following the permit process.

57th /Halsey : They are looking at making southbound by the park a one-way. It will eliminate the northbound traffic from the park. People said they would rather maintain the existing two way traffic. PBOT had designated Hassalo as a truck route which concerned people. Hassalo is Local street and they were hoping to reclassify it to put some money into maintaining it.

Halsey 47-57 : There will be no parking on either side to add in a center turn lane.

60th Bike path - They are now proposing that the bike path to go from 61st up to Snake Hill, which would eliminate the parking. It be be turning into a one-way going down with a bike path.

Rose City Park Playground Project - Joe Saraceno

- A. Meeting with Lauren McGuire, Asset and Development Division Manager & Brett Horner, Parks & Trails Planning Manager on 8/14 to see what they can do with the donations and to come up with a plan.

Meeting Adjourned